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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BANDA ACCUSES PORTUGAL OF RESISTING MOZAMBIQUE  
INDEPENDENCE; AGAIN DEFENDS JARDIM

REF: A. BLANTYRE 1018

B. LONDON 10036

C. BLANTYRE 954

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT BANDA AUGUST 8 ATTACKED RECENT PRESS  
ALLEGATIONS RE MALAWI'S ASSOCIATION WITH JORGE JARDIM,  
SAYING JARDIM IS FOR RUE INDEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE WHILE  
PORTUGUESE REALLY WANTED FEDERATION OR SPURIOUS INDEPENDENCE.  
HE ACCUSED PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OF CONCOCTING REPORTS OF  
JARDIM'S CONNECTION WITH MERCENARIES. BANDA TOOK CREDIT  
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FOR SEVERAL CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED RE

MOZAMBIQUE, SAYING THESE WERE BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIS WORKING THROUGH JARDIM. END SUMMARY.

2. AS SECOND PART OF PRESS CONFERENCE ON MERCENARIES IN MALAWI (REF A) BANDA DELIVERED LENGTHY RECITAL ON PORTUGAL, MOZAMBIQUE AND JORGE JARDIM. LONDON OBSERVER ARTICLE (REF B) WAS BRANDED ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. PRESIDENT SAID PROBLEM WAS THAT JARDIM WANTED TRUE AND GENUINE DECOLONIZATION, NOT PHONEY OR SUPURIOUS INDEPENDENCE, FOR MOZAMBIQUE. PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST UNTIL RECENTLY, WANTED MAKE-BELIEVE INDEPENDENCE WITH PORTUGAL PULLING STRINGS OF POWER. CLASH OF IDEAS BETWEEN SPINOLA AND JARDIM AND OTHERS (UNNAMED), NOW IN POWER IN LISBON AND WITH WHOM JARDIM HAD CLASHED, LED TO SITUATION IN WHICH JARDIM WAS FORCED TO FLEE PORTUGAL. PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT THEN CONCOCTED ALL KINDS OF LYING STORIES THROUGH FOURTH CLASS JOURNALISTS ACCUSING JARDIM AND MALAWI OF OBSTRUCTIONISM.

3. BANDA SAID ORIGINALLY JARDIM WAS AS REACTIONARY AS ANY OTHER PORTUGUESE WHITE, BUT DURING TEN YEARS' ASSOCIATION WITH BANDA, JARDIM CHANGED. EVENTUALLY JARDIM BECAME INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH BANDA QUIETLY AND PATIENTLY WORKED FOR CHANGE FOR BETTER IN PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE. BANDA TOOK CREDIT FOR TWO DEVELOPMENTS. ONE WAS THAT SAVAGE, CRUDE AND CRUEL TREATMENT OF AFRICANS BY PORTUGUESE WHITES WAS ENDED. THIS INCLUDED THE REDUCTION OF ABUSES BY PORTUGUESE MILITARY FORCES OPERATING ALONG MALAWI'S BORDERS. THE OTHER WAS THAT EVEN BEFORE CAETANO'S DEPARTURE, CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES WERE IN THE OFFING FOR MOZAMBIQUE WHICH, IF UNINTERRUPTED, WOULD HAVE LED TO NEW GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY MOZAMBIQUE, IF WITH LISBON'S OVERLORDSHIP. BANDA SAID ALL THESE CHANGES, SMALL THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE, WERE BROUGHT ABOUT BECAUSE OF HIS PRODDING OF JARDIM (SIC) AND LATTER'S INFLUENCE ON CAETANO AND, BEFORE THAT, SALAZAR.

4. CONCLUDING, BANDA SAID IF THERE WERE ANY ELEMENT OF TRUTH IN ACCUSATION THAT JARDIM WAS OBSTRUCTING DECOLONIZATION OR ORGANIZING MERCENARIES, HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN MALAWI. HOWEVER, HE, CERTAIN OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS AND EVEN ELEMENTS IN PORTUGAL BELIEVED IN JARDIM, AND HE WOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BE WELCOME IN MALAWI.

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5. COMMENT: THIS IS CLEAREST STATEMENT YET ON BANDA'S VIEW OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH JARDIM AND WHAT HE SEEKS TO ACHIEVE THROUGH IT. WHATEVER THE REAL RESULTS OF HIS ASSOCIATION, THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT BANDA GENUINELY BELIEVES IT HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND IS UNWILLING TO RELINQUISH IT. JARDIM FOR HIS PART LOSES NO OPPORTUNITY TO FLATTER THE PRESIDENT AND CONVINCE HIM HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENT FOR GOOD (NATURALLY IN PART THROUGH JARDIM'S INFLUENCE). IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COINCIDENTAL

TIMING OF JARDIM'S LATTEST COMMUNICATION OF HIS POSITION VIA  
THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (REF C) AND SPINOLA'S FALLBACK SPEECH  
JULY 27 POSSIBLY SERVED TO PERSUADE BANDA THAT JARDIM  
STILL HAS EXPLOITABLE INFLUENCE IN LISBON.  
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